

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at Suite 104 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Presiding over the meeting was Chairperson Patricia Heim. Attending the meeting were board members George Harding, Wade Hinton, William Long, Darlene McNeece and Lee Anne Murray.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Harding, seconded by Long, to name Patricia Heim as chairperson and Lee Anne Murray as secretary for 2010 by acclamation.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

On motion by Harding, seconded by Long, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2009 regular board meeting.

Cases Subject to Approval of Civil Penalty Order

09-46 Schree Pettigrew, for failure to file a 2009 annual mid-year supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Ms. Pettigrew has had previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its October 14, 2009 meeting to issue Ms. Pettigrew a show cause notice.

The board voted at its November 11, 2009 meeting to defer any action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow Ms. Pettigrew an opportunity to receive the show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice and that the report still has not been filed.

On motion by Murray, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to assess Ms. Pettigrew a \$10,000 civil penalty.

Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Tony Greene, for failure to file a 2008 pre-general campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Greene has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Green a show cause notice.

Eddie Oden, for failure to file a 2008 3rd quarter campaign financial disclosure report with the Maury County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Oden has had a previous matter before the board. (see below)

On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Oden a show cause notice.

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On motion by Hinton, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Oden a show cause notice.

Audit Review

Steve Roller

Without objection, the board approved Mr. Roller's 2008 campaign finance audit with the included findings.

On motion by Murray, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Roller a show cause notice for failing to report campaign contributions, not maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes and for receiving cash contributions in violation of campaign limits laws.

Eric Stewart

Without objection, the board approved Sen. Stewart's 2008 campaign finance audit with the included findings.

On motion by Harding, seconded by Hinton, the board voted unanimously to issue Sen. Stewart a show cause notice for failing to report campaign contributions received, for overstating reported contributions and for not properly maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes.

Joe Towns, Jr.

Without objection, the board approved Rep. Town's revised 2008 campaign finance audit with the included findings.

On motion by Murray, seconded by Hinton, the board voted unanimously to issue Rep. Town's a show cause notice for failing to report campaign contributions, receiving contributions in excess of campaign limits, not maintaining campaign records to verify compliance with campaign finance statutes, failing to report campaign expenditures incurred, improperly reporting campaign expenditures in the correct reporting period, and for failing to obtain and/or obtain supporting documentation for all campaign expenditures.

Reported Financial Expenses

Director Rawlins provided the board members with a list of civil penalties that have been paid year to date.

Director Rawlins presented the expenditure reports for the 2009/2010 fiscal year through December 31, 2009.

Executive Director's Report

- Director Rawlins discussed with the board the recent Supreme Court ruling dealing with the use of corporate funds in elections.

Other Business

McNeece, seconded by Hinton, made a motion, to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.